

## THE 321ST INFANTRY

The eventful order to move up came at 5:30 on the morning of November 9. We spent the next two nights in support two miles back of our front line positions. Being under shell fire and having to send out patrols rendered sleep and rest impossible for many during these two days.

November 11 was destined to be the most memorable day in the history of the 321st Infantry. This was probably true of every outfit that was in action on the morning of the 11th. But it was particularly true of the 321st, in that it was our first and only participation in a great battle which subjected us to a heavy artillery barrage, and a sweeping machine gun fire. There were three significant hours during this day for the 321st: 2:30 a. m., when the order came for us to move up and attack on the east of Moranville; 6:00 a. m., when we deployed and went "over the top" through a heavy barrage; and 11:00 a. m., when news of the Armistice reached us as we were in the very act of taking the German main line trench into which the enemy had just been pushed from its front line positions.

The spirit of the 321st on this fateful morning is well expressed by Corp. Ivan Reid in the following poem: